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TOPIC Joint Exercises by Soviet Units and KVP in the Area of Bad Koesen 25X1

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- At about 0030 on 26 January 1955, an undetermined number of artillery and AAA guns passed through Heiligenkreuz and went toward Koenigs-Loebschuetz, presumably to the former camp in Bad Koesen. At about 2130 on 26 January, about 30 trucks carrying infantry soldiers and towing AT guns moved along the Naumburg - Bad Koesen road, presumably also en route to this camp. It was learned that trucks of the KVP with personnel were parked along the Naumburg - Naumburg road, off Buchholz Forest at about 2200 the same day. The KVP were equipped with machine guns and rapid-fire rifles and took up positions in Buchholz Woods. In the early morning of 27 January, several telephone lines were established in and around Heiligenkreuz. Intensive truck traffic which involved road patrols at the road branches was observed in the area of Bad Koesen, Kukulau, Leislau (not Leistau as was previously reported) and Klein Gesswitz. The silhouettes of 12 guns which were in position fronting Naumburg were seen in the meadows extending from Priesnitz as far as Klein Gesswitz. Another gun was seen near the country road from the Buchholz Woods (corner of Neidschuetz) to Janisroda. Between 0300 and 0400, on 27 January, strong artillery and infantry fire was heard in Naumburg. Very signal lights and flares were seen. The noise of combat gradually faded toward Pommungen village where street fighting which involved KVP from Naumburg was observed between 0400 and 0500. 25X1
- On 29 January 1955, weapons including 4 AA guns of 75 to 85 mm and a considerable number of trucks were being cleaned in the yard of the Bismarck Kaserne (8385) in Naumburg. 25X1

Comment. Report supplements previous information [REDACTED] on 25X1 exercises of the 57th Gds Mtn Rifle Div in the area east and southeast of Bad Koesen. [REDACTED] According to observations made at the 25X1 Bismarck Kaserne in Naumburg, elements of the 498th AAA Regt / XXIX Gds Mtn Rifle Corps may have also been involved. The fact that KVP units participated 25X1 in these exercises was confirmed by corresponding observations made at Templin field training grounds at about the same time. [REDACTED] The KVP units referred to in the present report are presumably units of the KVP Infantry Officer School in Naumburg.

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